

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
)
West Virginia Department of Education) CC Docket No. 02-6
In the Schools and Libraries Program)

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF 471 APPLICATION AND ITEM 21 DEADLINE

West Virginia Department of Education, BEN 126678
FCCRN: 0011863149
470: 147760000900298
471: 161061518
FRN 1699143741: Ritchie County Middle/High Schools

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) respectfully requests a waiver of the 2016-17 Form 471 application deadline for one application that includes one funding request.

The WVDE files consortia applications on behalf of schools in the state of West Virginia for both telecommunications and internal connections services. This application is one Internal Connections funding request for two schools, Ritchie County Middle and High School in Ritchie County, WV. During the application process, we had a request for application made outside of our normal processes via email. This request was within the time period of the application window and was not requested by the district to be applied for outside of the window. It was submitted via email instead of our usual process that utilizes web forms and internal databases and was thus missed during the process. This small district would be unable to afford these network upgrades without benefit of these valuable E-rate funds.

It was brought to my attention on Tuesday, July 26th, five days after the deadline, when the district inquired about when they could anticipate receipt of the funding to start services that this site was left off of the applications submitted. The WVDE had always intended to submit this request, it was just accidentally left off of the applications submitted. The WVDE then submitted the Form 471 listed above in the new EPC portal, within the 14-day grace period. We are filing this request today because we are unsure of when we will receive an actual OOW – Out Of Window Letter and wanted to begin the process for waiver of the deadline.

Thank you so very much for your support in granting this request for waiver of the filing deadline of July 21, 2016, it will serve the best interest of the students of Ritchie County on behalf of our application to ensure adequate infrastructure and connectivity.

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of July, 2016.

/s/ Julia Legg

Julia Legg, State E-rate Coordinator
West Virginia Department of Education
1900 Kanawha Blvd., East
Building 6, Suite 825
Charleston, WV 25305-0330
julia.legg@k12.wv.us